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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for July 01, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. Evrensel, / "The Story of a Day in the Village", a Kurdish documentary, received a second place award in a competition organized by Van Yuzuncu Yil University. The Assistant Governor scolded and fired the organizer of the competition and said he should have questioned the head of the department who allowed the Kurdish documentary in the competition.

3. Evrensel, Cumhuriyet, / Human Rights Organization, Diyarbakir Law Bar Women's Rights Section, and Women's Support Center in Diyarbakir protested the publishing policy of Vatan and Hurriyet papers for the tabloid type presentation of the news about the 13-year-old girl who was regularly raped by people including some government officials in a period of seven months. They said since a 13 year-old-girl is involved, the news coverage should be restricted until the end of the case.

4. Milli Gazete, Turkiye / Adana State Security Court found Eser Yangin, Serdar Tanrikulu, and Cigdem Micogullari, three members of the Marxist Leninist Communist Party, guilty of planning a bombing attack during the Prime Minister's visit in Adana[Editor's Note: June 30, 2003]. The other six members of the group were released.

5. Milliyet, / Chief of the AKP Kozan Branch made a list of 20 teachers who he wants to be appointed to several schools in Kozan. The media also discovered the list, which was sent to AK Party government members in Ankara. (Editors Comment: Normally the teachers are appointed by the government according to the points they have. They cannot choose where they are going to work. By asking that these teachers work in Kozan, he's trying to have teachers who have the same political ideas in his region and discriminating against others.)
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